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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 28-31 and 33-46 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 30 and 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 28,29,33-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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The "final rejection" paragraph in the action mailed 6/7/07 was inadvertently added in error. The action was not final, nor did PALM "count" the office action as a final rejection.

The last column of Table 3 in the specification has unreadable entries.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 28,29 and 33-46 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asano 2002/0055563 in view of Saito '906 or Hatanaka 2001/0044484.

Asano (abstract) suggests blends of thermoplastics, liquid crystal polymer and silicone compound. The silicone has a branched structure (paragraph 29) and can be substituted with hydrogen, aryl, etc (paragraph 30). The ratio of methyl/phenyl

substitution is 80/20-10/90 (paragraph 32). PTFE and sodium benzenesulfonate can be included (paragraph 34). Asano does not teach specific amounts of trifunctional branching, tetrafunctional branching, hydroxyl substitution and alkoxy substitution.

Saito (col 11 line 52) teaches the amount of trifunctional groups should be 50-97% for flame retarding branched polysiloxanes. The amount of hydroxyl and alkoxy groups should be kept low (col 13 line 66 – col 14 line 5). Saito (col 11 line 32) also teaches the amount of phenyl substitution should be greater than 40%. Similarly, Hatanaka teaches trifunctional units above 60% (examples), low hydroxyl and alkoxy groups (paragraph 10) and 40-80% phenyl substitution (paragraph 9).

It would have been obvious to ensure Asano's polysiloxane has >40% branching, >40% phenyl substitution and low hydroxyl/alkoxy groups for the expected advantages.

Applicant's arguments filed 10/5/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues Asano merely permits SiH groups in his silicone resin - not requiring any to be present.

Asano suggests his silicone with and without SiH groups. Applicant's choice to require their presence does not require finding of patentability. Simply choosing to claim less than what the prior art suggests is not a convincing argument. Applicant's claim 28 requires only a very small amount of SiH (ie 0.5%). Applicant has not pointed to anything of record to indicate this small amount provides any advantages relative to 0% SiH. It is not readily apparent if any of applicant's data can be said to clearly show the effect of SiH (even at higher amounts) because all other variables (eg branching

amount, phenyl content) are not held constant. Furthermore, applicant's examples all include additives not required by claim 28.

Applicant must provide a proper abstract and correct/delete the specification's unreadable entries.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Buttner whose telephone number is 571-272-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 10 to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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